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THE THANKFUL HEART.

Dull moods are ours when low and dim
About us clings the brooding mist;
No heart have we for lifted hymn,
No eye for bills of amethyst
No feeling of the dear blue sky
And steadfast stars that burn above;
Dull moods when coward fears draw nigh
And clutch the tender arm of love.

But these are as the passing cloud
Against the splendor of the sun,
So thick our Father's mercies crowd,
So swift to us His angels run.
His love in the wilderness
Before our feet is daily spread,
And in our time of sore distress
We still have Christ, the living bread.

Bright mornings wake with lift of lark
And light that flushes all the way,
Sweet evenings pale to sheltering dark,
For Heaven has watched us all the day
And rough or smooth the pilgrim land
Is safe for us who walk this road;
Aye, grasping firm the Father's hand,
And, thankful, faring home with God.
—Margaret E. Sangster, in Christian
Intelligencer.

RAMBLING.

Another Visit to the East.

Hardly had Rambler returned from his visit East in December when he was called to return to look after some important matters. It was entirely too cold for Rambler's comfort still when duty calls, it is his to obey and accordingly he boarded a C. and O. train on a Monday evening early in January enroute to Washington thence to New York. It was a bitter cold night his train lost time between Lexington and Ashland and Rambler had his unfortunate experience of again missing connection. The train from Cincinnati was running in two sections and he was a passenger on the second section reaching several hours behind schedule time. The next morning he found that Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., and Bro. R. M. C. of Arkansas, and Hon. M. L. Smith of Texas were passengers on the same train. Their company added much to the pleasure of the ride during the day and helped Rambler while away the wearisome hours of long journey. Washington City was reached several hours late but Rambler kept part of his engagements and went at once to the "Kentucky Colony" where he was warmly received and given a cordial welcome. The street was crowded with snow and ice and walking was more difficult than rapid. After exchanging the usual courtesies with some friends Rambler returned to the friends mentioned before, Hon. J. W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury, journeyed on toward New York. Messrs. Cyrus Field Adams, H. P. Slaughter and W. A. Davis braved the snow, ice and biting frosts and came to the station to see us off. Despite the cold and frost the trip was a comfortable one and New York was reached just ten minutes late, with the thermometer registering four degrees below zero. The river was full of ice but the big forces broke through it just as it was there. Rambler took the Cortland street ferry and was soon on the Ave. S and in a short time was knocking at the door of No. 84 W. 40th street where our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamilton reside. To say we were made doubly welcome is but to express it mildly. After telling all we knew about the matter and people at home and indeed something perhaps we did not know Rambler enjoyed a good breakfast and then went out to attend to the business which called him to New York. This work occupied the better part of three days and while it may not prove of any benefit to any one else it was decidedly beneficial to Rambler and he returned home delighted and helped by what he saw and heard. During our stay we met several persons in whom many of our readers are interested. Rev. Chas. S. Morrison is pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist church a splendid building on W. 40th street. This church has recently purchased a handsome \$4 building, adjoining the church both properties being valued at about \$90,000. Brother Morrison is doing a good work in New York and he seems to be growing in grace and power with God and man. Not far from this church Rambler found Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Murfree in a comfortable home trying to keep warm on a cold night during the week Mr. Murfree has been sick but is much better, while Mrs. Murfree is as lively as a cricket. They were both looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to January 25th, the first anniversary of their marriage. By the way, that

was the day when Miss Atholene Pemberton who was living in New York was to be married to Mr. J. W. Hudspeeth who was living in West Point. Both of these young people went from Kentucky and were doing well in their new home. Miss Pemberton was with Mrs. Hamilton who is doing a large business as modiste, who also has her sister Miss Daisy Carlyle with her. Mr. Hamilton is employed in a bank downtown and does not get home until about 8 o'clock in the evening and on that account Rambler did not get to see as much of him as he expected.

One evening in company with Bishop A. Walters, Rambler went over to Jersey City to visit his lovely home and some other friends. Being a little late Mr. Walters had gone to a reception where we subsequently went. After supper we went in company with Rev. D. S. Kugh and Anthony A. A. Coxy to meeting of the Afro-American Council where Rambler with Bishop Walters spoke. From there we went to the home of Mr. Joseph Ray, in company with Mr. Billow. Mr. Ray is in charge of the private car of M. Chas. Schwab, the steel magnate and Mrs. Ray, was formerly Miss Rhoda Martin, of Cynthiana, Ky. They live in a lovely home and are doing well. Rambler then went to the reception where he met Mrs. Walters, who will be remembered as Mrs. L. Brown, principal of the Shelby street School, Louisville, where she was deservedly popular as an educator. She was married last June to Bishop Walters and moved to Jersey City. She has made many friends in her new home and Rambler was down right glad to see her looking so well, which indicates contentment and good treatment. This reception was given in her honor and Rambler met a number of the good people of Jersey and enjoyed their hospitality. During our stay we called at the Home Mission Rooms and had a very pleasant conference with Dr. Chivers, but failed to meet Dr. Moorehead, who was in Porto Rico in the interest of the work of the society. Rambler had to leave New York, without seeing other friends whom it was his purpose to see when he reached the city but he was glad to hear good things of them. Rambler met Dr. C. T. Walker during his stay and heard of his purpose to return to Georgia, but he failed to find a single person of any denomination in that great city, who did not enter a protest against the change, but his mind seemed to have been fixed and he is by this time no doubt with the church and people of his first love in Georgia. He has done a wonderful work in New York, and it will be a difficult thing to fill his place.

Rambler came to New York in the snow and it snowed every day while he was there, and he left for home with the ground still covered with snow. As the train waited through Rahway, N. Y., Rambler thought of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Maize, two old Louisville friends who live there. Philadelphia was reached at noon where we parted with Capt. R. R. Morten, of Hampton, Va., who we had as a companion from New York. Washington was reached at 3:30 o'clock and Rambler went immediately to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis, 1701 10th street where that happy family gave us the usual Kentucky welcome. Rambler returned to Washington to be a guest at the banquet tendered to Hon. E. H. Morris, of Chicago, by his friends in that city. It was an elaborate affair and as it has been fully reported in many of the race papers he will simply say it was good to be there. Rambler was pleased to meet among the guests Messrs. H. P. Slaughter, W. L. Houston, W. H. Wright, Cyrus Fields Adams and S. J. Davidson, members of the Kentucky contingent and many of the most prominent and representative men of the city. A number of ladies descended and it was a condescension, to occupy seats in the gallery of the banquet hall and see the gentlemen eat good victuals and make big speeches. Sunday was as usual a busy day with Rambler, who was up and about at the usual hours. In company with Mr. H. P. Slaughter, he breakfasted with Mr. R. F. Fortune, and a delightful breakfast it was. Then to Sunday school at the Second Baptist church where he was pleased with what he heard and saw. Rev. W. L. Johnson, D. D., the faithful pastor just arrived in time to hear, benediction having been detained by a delayed train returning from Lynchburg, Va. Rambler worshipped at the Berean Baptist church, Rev. D. F. Rivers, pastor where he heard a good sermon. Dinner was enjoyed at Mrs. Weeden's with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davis, and the children, and then Rambler packed his little aggravating bundle and started on his homeward journey. Rambler.

Louisville, Ky.

A Pastor's Anniversary Celebration.

The first Baptist church Paris, Ky., celebrated the eighth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. H. B. Webster, Sunday February 7th 1904 with appropriate services rendered by the members of said church and by the preaching of the following named ministers, Revs. R. Quarles, A. L. Chandler and L. H. Dodd. The meetings were full of spirit and interest and seemed to be enjoyed by all present. A paper read by deacon D. S. Spears showed in a brief way the work done under the leadership of our pastor in the past eight years. (The paper on behalf of the deacons.)

Dear brethren and sisters, we have come to day to celebrate in the name of God the eighth anniversary of our beloved and worthy pastor in the person of Rev. Dr. Webster, who came to us just eight years ago to-day, February 7th 1904, and assumed charge of the church as pastor. He found the church in a very bad shape at that time, heavily in debt and very much discouraged, having had serious trouble in the church and our members were scattered, but he being an humble man of God and a God-called preacher took the oversight of the flock being appointed by the Holy Ghost and under God he has been able to call us together and reunite the church and to day she is on the road to success having paid off all her debts and having a neat sum in bank to the future.

The church has had a steady growth under his administration in membership, there have been 418 persons to join, 253 by baptism the balance otherwise. Lost 112 members by death, dismissed by letter 20, there have been many excluded and returned but they are not included in the final loss of members. Our present membership is 602. He has preached 152 funeral which were not members of our church and married 98 couples. Dr. Webster is an able minister of the New Testament and one of whom any church or community might be justly proud. A man of sound morals and strong character and a high reputation among both white and colored, saints and sinners. He rules the church in and out by union and has been so from the first. There has never been a clash between us and our plans always carry and work well. We have raised in eight years more than ten thousand dollars and expended nearly that much on our debt, we raised for 1903 \$1,286.48. Under his leadership the church has bought and paid for a parsonage at the cost in round numbers of \$1,200.00 and repaired the church house painting, roofing and plastering \$700.00. In buying a parsonage we save \$100.00 a year for rent of house for all time to come. The church seeing what good word had been done at our last annual meeting we increased the pastor's salary from \$800 to \$900 per year and feel that he is worth more money than that to us. We are proud of him as a man, a citizen, and a preacher of the gospel, a sound Baptist and an able defender of the doctrine. Last but not least a great lover and worshiper of the Sunday School. We pray the great Head of the church to spare him to us many more years.

Yours Respt., Deacon Board,
D. S. SPEARS,
BEVELY WILLIS,
SILAS BERRYMAN,
JOHN LEE,
DENIS S. ALES,
JAMES KRECH.
Paris, Ky.

A Blow in the Back.

An evil report is a necessary nuisance and the tendency to take it off on warm, hazy days in late autumn and winter is as strong as it is unwise. A tracero's wind blew you in the back and the next morning you have lumbago. Itab well and often with Perry Davis' Painkiller and you will be astonished to find how quickly all sores are banished. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

Warrensburg, Missouri Notes.

Our church is doing nicely under the leadership of Rev. T. B. Gardner, who came to us about three years ago from Lincoln, Neb. He has presided over us as pastor with care and our church is in good condition. The ladies of the Shiloh Baptist church gave a leap year supper in honor of the pastor, under the leadership of Mesdames B. L. Johnson and R. Porter, and other members and friends to assist. The affair was up to date, the ladies handsomely dressed in their beautiful costumes and

fragrant flowers. It seemed as if another place and people had appeared—things were so grand. The young masters appeared in white costumes. Why it is I don't know but our pastor has decided to preach his last sermon on the fourth Sunday in February. He will leave many warm friends and peace in the church. He has established within the last two years one of the greatest Negro organizations in this country. Any one wishing to hear from him could do so by conferring with Rev. T. B. Gardner, Warrensburg, Mo. It has its benevolent features similar to other orders and is the only church helping institution that we have today under the form of a secret order. It takes its name from the honorable Frederick Douglass the greatest Negro of his day. This order is making rapid progress in the state of Missouri where it was first organized. It has sixteen or seventeen different organizations in the state of Missouri. It is making its way now to other states as well. Rev. Gardner is the father and founder of the order. The Supreme Board: Head, O. T. Read, of Macon, Mo. Vice Supreme Royal Head, Rev. J. T. Thornly, of Plattsburg, Mo. Supreme Royal Prelate.

T. H. HOYTHER.

Just as a Fire

spread in dry grass and weeds, so does an inflammation of the throat—the result of a cold—grow down into the sensitive air passages of the lungs. The cold, like the fire, should be promptly dealt with. When you begin to cough, use Allen's Lung Balm. It will certainly treat the sore throat and lungs and it may save you from consumption.

Negroes on Juries.

For the first time in many years there are drawn in Selma, the case involving the right of Negroes to sit on juries in Alabama, recently decided by the United States Supreme Court, is being argued by the county authorities of Dallas county in the selection of juries for that county. "The Selma Times" has announced on subject:

In a case that went up from Montgomery county a short while ago the United States Supreme Court held that when Negroes were excluded from being drawn on juries, on motion of any attorney defending a man, the verdict could be set aside, when a conviction was had. Under this ruling of the United States Supreme Court it was absolutely necessary to put the names of Negroes in the jury box along with white men's names, in order to comply with the decision of the United States Court. Two jury Commissioners, acting under legal advice, put the names of the Negroes in a box, and yesterday when the juries were drawn the names of several Negroes were drawn to serve on juries.

On the regular petit jury for the week commencing February 22nd, the name of Wm. F. Clark, the well known barber and David Taylor Mitchell were drawn. C. W. Smith, the painter, and several others were drawn on special venire.

This is the first time since reconstruction days that the names of Negroes have appeared on the jury list in Dallas county. It is hardly probable that any of them will sit on jury, on account of being set aside by the lawyers on one side or the other, but there is nothing to prevent them from drawing there two dollars per day as long as the term for which they are drawn last.

The jury commissioners acted right in complying with the decision of the court, otherwise the county would have been put to a great expense. The Supreme Court is bigger than the custom that has prevailed in the South of excluding Negroes' names from the jury box, and the decision of the United States Supreme Court will have to be complied with everywhere in order to make the drawing of the juries legal. —Montgomery Evening Times Feb. 19, 1904.

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Both in Nashville.

Two Negro Publishing Houses, what a contrast.

The next morning we were taken over the plant of the National Baptist Publication Department and I wish to bear testimony that the Negroes have nothing anywhere in this country to compare with it as a first class publishing house. They do every thing there is done in any other publishing house anywhere. They set the type, stereotype the forms, do the presswork, the binding and the lettering and embossing. This is the first time that I have had the pleasure of seeing colored men operate a linotype machine. And at one colored man by the name of Not that there are three machines but the machine is kept in constant operation, day and night. Three men work at it eight hours each, and they have to stay by the type to try to keep up. They do not try by one, two or a dozen readers but by car loads, and their warehouse where their paper is kept would do credit to some of the paper houses in Baltimore. I do not know just how many persons are in the employ of the board, but I do know that at morning devotions, for they spend a half hour every morning at religious devotion, at which I am told every employee must attend, there were seventy persons present by actual count.

We also visited the A. M. E. Sunday School Publishing House, just around the corner. We found considerable improvement had been made by Dr. Chappelle, and something is doing there. And while we must give Dr. Chappelle credit for rehabilitating this department and putting the new machinery and starting things up, we must confess when we think of the start that this department had ahead of Dr. Boya and the thousands of dollars the children of the A. M. E. church have poured into it, it stands today as a shame and a discredit to the great A. M. E. church which stands a sponsor for it. It is nothing less than criminal that it should be allowed to have degenerated to its present condition. We are not blaming Dr. Chappelle, for he has done something toward the uplifting of the department but we do say that it stands as a lasting disgrace to the incompetency, to say the least, of its former manager and those associated with him on its boards. We will not say any more about it, but we feel like saying more—Editorial Correspondence, Afro-American

NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

We hope to hold Institute beginning January 1904 as follows:—
Henderson, Norris Chapel, January 6-8.
Paducah, First Ward, January 20-22
Bowling Green, New Bethel, February 17-19.

Elizabethtown, March 8-11.
Mayfield March 22-25
Burlington April 6-8
Louisville April 20-22

We hope that the pastors and brethren in the above named places will get together and arrange to make the meeting a success. It can be done, and if they decide that it must be done, it will be done. The programme, as arranged in first class and the people should have the benefit of each lecture. This programme is being used all over the state among the Baptist white and black. The Lord bless the work.

I am Yours in Service,
P. H. KENNEDY,
Henderson, Ky. G. M. M. January.

FROM ARKANSAS.

As we see so little in your good paper from our state, we thought maybe you had forgotten we were on the globe. We are still on the globe and reading your side saying in the American Baptist. You must think of us and let the good Kentucky brothers and sisters about us, our work, churches and Sunday Schools, money, property and general laudation, home-getting, our colleges and academies in general let them know we are a good smart set of working Baptist. We are doing all we can for the Master and his cause, and all our people are up and doing for themselves. Our people are peculiar, the disciples of the Vardaman, Gorman, Tillman, Cornwicks and such Negro-hating jeremiads as the Memphis Commercial and doing much to show us how they lay upon us as a free and independent people. Vardaman is the Negroes governor of Mississippi, because it was the influence of the Negroes that elected him. His competitor would be the chief magistrate of

Mississippi today if he had chosen to go in on the back of the Negro as Vardaman did. The white Republicans in Congress are naffing, the Democrat politicians in the South are using the Negro with all the intents and purposes as much ever did the white Republicans, but in an other way. The white Republicans did it by legislation, protection and education and law and order and got into office along that line. But the Democrats have been taking object lessons so they proscribed, discriminate, hate, kill, burn, hang, whip, skin, disfigure and not in any way conceivable manner known to human imagination and they got into office along that line, so the good has lost out and the bad is getting in. But this will not last long. Reaction has already set in the state of Maryland, and boss Gorman's candidate for the United States Senate is left, so will Vardaman go. Too much civilization now for an educational nomenclature to live in the eye of the public.

A. N. MIDDLEBROOK.
Little Rock, Ark.

To the Superintendents of Children's Bands, Auxiliary to the B. W. E. C.

Dear Sisters: I again appeal to you in the interest of the Children's Band.

We came from our last Convention very much encouraged over our financial success; but we must continue to work to accomplish our undertaking. This work should not be confined to a few, but to the many Baptists of the State of Kentucky. The women are making a double effort; we children went to do likewise. Plan some way that you can get the children interested in the work; have the bands meet regularly.

We are not only after the amount the children send us for our work, but we want them trained to do religious work—that of giving without receiving—of our blessed Master has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." By the assistance of the Lord we hope to do more this year than we have in any previous year. May peace and prosperity remain with each and every one of you be the prayer of your humble servant.

I will visit the following Sunday School on the dates mentioned.

February 7 N Street S. Louisville
" 14 Hill Street
" 21 New Hope
" 28 Antioch
March 6 Good Shepherd
" 13 Centennial
" 20 Emmanuel
" 27 Ninth Street
April 3 Zion
" 10 Bland Street
" 17 Little Rock
" 24 Lupton Street
May 1 Green Street
" 8 Cabell Street
" 15 Beargrass
" 23 Green Castle
" 29 Ashokaga and Pewee
June 5 Jeffersontown
" 13 Newburg

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NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

This notice will inform the brethren when and where I will hold Institutes.
Frankfort, B. Bethel Feb. 26-28
Richmond, Corinthian March 2-5
Midway, P. G. M. March 29-31
Mayfield, Plymouth April 13-16
London, April 27-29
Mt. Sterling, Evergreen May 11-13
Campbellsville, May 25-27
Berres, June 8-10
Pastors, ministers and all christian workers in these vicinities are urged to attend and help in the great work, the impulse and importance of which have not been fully realized. Bring your Bible with you.

Yours in the work,
R. B. BUTLER,
State Missionary for Eastern Kentucky.

There is no self-complacency in feeling ourselves in harmony with the divine, for the more you feel so the more you feel that it is God that worketh in you to will and to do of his good pleasure. —E. A.